

“We look forward to a world founded upon four essential human freedoms. The first is freedom of speech and expression... everywhere in the world. The second is freedom of every person to worship God in his own way... everywhere in the world. The third is freedom from want... everywhere in the world. The fourth is freedom from fear... anywhere in the world.”

President Franklin D. Roosevelt
Message to Congress
January 6, 1941

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Let freedom ring!

We are fortunate in so many ways and four of those are displayed in the south lobby of the Medical Center in paintings by Norman Rockwell. They are so named The Four Freedoms, inspired by President Roosevelt's speech to Congress.

The president's address was at a time when Western Europe lay under Nazi domination. Mr. Roosevelt presented a vision in which the American ideals of individual liberties were extended throughout the world. Alerting Congress and the nation to the necessity of war, the president articulated the ideological aims of the conflict. Eloquently, he appealed to Americans' most profound beliefs about freedom.

The speech so inspired illustrator Norman Rockwell that he created a series of

paintings on the “Four Freedoms” theme. In the four separate paintings, he translated abstract concepts of freedom into scenes of everyday American life. Although the government initially rejected Mr. Rockwell's offer to create paintings on the “Four Freedoms” theme, the images were publicly circulated when *The Saturday Evening Post*, one of the nation's most popular magazines, commissioned and reproduced the paintings. After winning public approval, they served as the centerpiece of a massive U.S. War Bond drive.

This set of posters was purchased in July from Milwaukee's Landmarks Gallery after restoration for display in the Medical Center. They were a part of the extensive poster collection of William Leyda of



To honor World War II veterans, **Al White** and **Eli Jahner** place Norman Rockwell's posters of the Four Freedoms on the south lobby wall. Lobbies will reflect veterans of different wars with art work and display cases.

Burlington, WI. The posters are rare and originals according to research done by Huetta Manion of the gallery.

President Roosevelt's Four Freedoms speech can be read or heard at: <http://www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu/od4freed.html>

“This nation has placed its destiny in the hands, heads and hearts of its millions of free men and women, and its faith in freedom under the guidance of God. Freedom means the supremacy of human rights everywhere. Our support goes to those who struggle to gain those rights and keep them. Our strength is our unity of purpose.

To that concept there can be no end save victory.”

President Franklin D. Roosevelt
Conclusion of his message to Congress

Inspiring...

Saluting our Darcie

Darcie D. Greuel

5000 West is published for all employees and this edition is especially for **Darcie D. Greuel**. Darcie has been a registered nurse on 7C-South for about three years. Those years were not all consecutive.

Her time here was interrupted.

When you look at Darcie, you see an attractive woman with a friendly smile. If you look just a little further, you see the flag flying in the background. You might not see it at first, but the more you get to know Darcie, the easier it is to see. You see, Darcie is a true patriot and a member of the U.S. Army Reserve 452nd Combat Support Hospital in Milwaukee.

She has been a reservist for some 20 years; going to drills, giving up her weekends and two weeks for training mostly in the summer. She joined after high school graduation as a private. Today she is a 1st lieutenant.

Her patriotism is unshakeable. It was put to the test for her family when she received her orders to mobilize.

Darcie is committed in what she does as a nurse at the Medical Center and as a member of the Reserves. But mostly, Darcie is a devoted wife and mother.

Sitting around the dinner table, it was not easy for Darcie to break the news. Listening to her relive those moments, in a voice that still wavers with calm emotion, cannot be done with a dry eye.

She was anxious. Her husband Mark and children Daniel, 18, Ryan, 15, and Kelsey, 10, listened intently. Molly, the family dog, a Vizsla, was nearby.

"It was a real tough night," she said with quiet certainty. There were many tears and then there was support. Her family responded like Darcie, with strength.

"I absolutely love what I do in the military. I was very excited – looking forward to a mission in a kind of odd sense. For nineteen years, I had been training for something such as this."

On a cold February day, Darcie left her family to Camp McCoy. Weeks later she would learn her destination – Bagram Airbase in Afghanistan.

In June, the temperature extremes would change, as Darcie got into a routine in the 120-degree heat of the Afghanistan summer. She worked as a wardmaster in a tent hospital.

Darcie received news in August that her father suffered a heart attack. She took emergency leave, and today her father is doing well. While at home, son Daniel announced that he was going to go to El Salvador on a mission and postpone college for a year. She was supportive, as she had spent time in Peru as an exchange student while in high school. It also gave her another thing to think about on the flight back.

Her thoughts of being home for Christmas changed when the unit was extended three months. The videotape sent by husband Mark was wonderful and included the kids opening their presents and Christmas Mass.



Mr. Raymond Illa, a WWII veteran, and Darcie share a smile on 7C-South.



A young friend at Bagram Airbase in Afghanistan.

Time passed quickly (all relative) and her duty in Afghanistan was completed. After many delays, exhaustion and sensory overload on the return trip, Darcie arrived at Volk Field on March 28 and home to Milwaukee on April 1 of this year.

The first couple of weeks were not easy she admitted. "I almost felt like a numbness. Like I was an outsider. I didn't know where I fit in."

"I missed a lot," As she speaks proudly of the achievements of her children who had grown up while she was away. "Somewhere deep inside me it's like, boy, they survived without me. They were able to do it without me. I knew they would be able to do it."

She returned to the Medical Center in June and gradually increased her time on duty. She was welcomed back with hugs, kisses and gifts.

Her life has changed. The experience in Afghanistan has made her stronger, as well as all those she touches. She talks of a new "special bond" she has with her patients. She is grateful for her faith, for her family and the support – a theme that subtly reoccurs in conversation.

Today, this nurse who has sacrificed, cares for those who have done the same. She walks the halls no differently than in the past. Darcie may look the same, but deep within, she has experiences that will slowly unfold and may quietly be shared.

But again, some things haven't changed. Her eyes still glisten. Her self-confidence makes you feel good. The gentleness and the calmness of her voice makes you the only person in the world.

Her patient care is one of listening, skill and "softness." Darcie's greatest asset is what she gives to others – herself.

She says, "Things are a little bit different now." Not a day goes by that she doesn't think of Afghanistan, its people and, "What I would be doing at this time."

Now you too can see the flag.

Thank you, Darcie.

— John W. Zewiske



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